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SUBJECT: MRS. SLEPAK REQUESTS MEDICAL TESTS AT
U.S. EMBASSY

1. A SOVIET REFUSENIK WHO HAS BEEN ASKED BY MRS. SLEPAK TO BE HER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE RELAYED REQUEST TO EMBOFF JUNE 29 THAT EMBASSY MEDICAL UNIT GIVE HER A SERIES OF MEDICAL TESTS WHEN SHE IS RELEASED FROM SOVIET HOSPITAL. MRS. SLEPAK (WHO EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS IS M.D. SPECIALIZING IN RADIOLOGY) BELIEVES HOSPITAL IS FALSIFYING TESTS, ALL OF WHICH ARE SHOWING HER TO BE FREE OF AILMENTS, IN ORDER TO RELEASE HER WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO FOR TRIAL NEXT WEEK. MRS. SLEPAK WOULD USE RESULTS OF THE EMBASSY TESTS, PROVIDED THEY SHOW SHE IS GENUINELY ILL, IN HER DEFENSE AND TO DEMONSTRATE LACK OF JUSTICE IN SOVIET TREATMENT OF HER CASE. EMBASSY IS CERTAIN THAT SHE WOULD RELEASE TEST RESULTS TO WESTERN PRESS.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS TO RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT SINCE EMBASSY DOCTOR HAS NEITHER LICENSE NOR AUTHORITY TO TREAT OR EXAMINE SOVIET CITIZENS, FOR HIM TO DO SO WOULD BE A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF HIS AND
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EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS. WE WILL RESPOND IN SIMILAR FASHION TO PRESS INQUIRIES, SHOULD ANY OCCUR. TOON

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